Quota policy in private companies

1831. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private companies are likely to follow quota policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued guidelines in this regard to the private companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) In response to commitment contained in the National Common Programme to initiate a dialogue with Industry and other Associations to fulfil the aspirations of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youth, a Group of Ministers was formed. The Group met five times and also held consultations with the representatives of Apex Industry Associations.

To carry forward the process of dialogue, a Coordination Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. This Committee is serviced by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. The Committee has held discussions with representatives of Apex Industry Chambers/Associations under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. The discussions primarily centered around the measures by industry for enhancing skill development and increasing employability.

Representations regarding appointments

1832. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of letters received from VIPs by the Ministry and the National Commission for SCs/STs from 1st January, 2007 till date on the issue of appointments made for more than 45 days;

(b) whether any action has been taken on these letters;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of facts which were informed to the Ministry/Commission on similar issue by the All India Association for SCs/STs and physically handicapped, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No such letters have been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.